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To require the valuation of nontribal interest ownership of subsurface rights within the boundaries of the Acoma Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2001

Mr. SKEEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PUEBLO OF ACOMA LAND AND MINERAL CON-**
4 **SOLIDATION.**

5 (a) VALUATION.—Not later than 6 months after the
6 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of the
7 Interior shall determine the extent and the value of the
8 nontribal interest ownership of the subsurface rights, in-

cluding mineral rights, within the boundaries of the
Acoma Indian Reservation.

(b) LAND EXCHANGES.—Upon completion of the
valuation required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall
negotiate an exchange with any willing sellers of interests
in nontribal land (including interests in mineral or other
surface or subsurface rights) within the boundaries of the
Acoma Indian Reservation for interests in Federal land
that is—

(1) located within the boundaries of the State
of New Mexico;

(2) identified by the Bureau of Land Manage-
ment as available for disposal; and

(3) of approximately the same value as the in-
terest in land for which it is being exchanged.

(c) TIMELINE; LAND TAKEN INTO TRUST.—The Sec-
retary shall complete such negotiations and exchanges not
later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
section and shall place interests in land within the bound-
aries of the Acoma Indian Reservation that are acquired
under this section into trust for the Pueblo of Acoma.

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